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**BALTIMORE CITY POLICE OFFICER INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO
DISTRIBUTE COCAINE AND CARRYING FIREARMS**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted Eduardo Munoz, age 32, of Ellicott City, Maryland and Raul Estela, age 30, of Baltimore, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and carrying firearms while trafficking cocaine. Eduardo Munoz is a Baltimore City police officer assigned to the Intelligence Division. The 8 count indictment charges Munoz and Estela with conspiracy to distribute and possessing with the intent to distribute cocaine; and possession, use and carrying firearms during the drug trafficking offenses.

Defendants were arrested on a criminal complaint after an investigation lead to search warrants executed on several locations and vehicles. In addition to the cocaine and firearms recovered during the investigation, agents also recovered approximately 9 ounces of cocaine during the execution of search warrants. Both defendants are detained in federal custody pending trial.

If convicted, defendants face up to 20 years on each of the five drug offenses and 30 years to life on the firearms offenses, along with monetary fines of up to \$1, 000,000.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed

innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of a joint investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Baltimore City Police Department and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys A. David Copperthite and Charles J. Peters.